

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

AMATEUR RADIO RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION WEEK

2007

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to over 18,000 federally licensed amateur radio operators, also known as "hams" according to the Federal Communications Commission; and

WHEREAS, December of 2006 marked the 100th anniversary of the first successful broadcast ever of the human voice by an amateur radio operator who conducted his earlier tests on North Carolina's Outer Banks; and

WHEREAS for the past century ham radio operators have experimented with and perfected technologies we all enjoy today such as television, high fidelity FM, cellular telephones and VOIP (Voice over Internet Protocol); and

WHEREAS since 1949, North Carolina amateur radio operators have been meeting on the air daily for the past 58 years at 7:30 P.M. on 3923 KHz. for The Tar Heel Emergency Net to exchange good will and to test their skills and equipment to respond in an emergency; and

WHEREAS amateur radio operators have a proud tradition of public service and have provided emergency communications following numerous hurricanes, floods, tornadoes and storms in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS Amateur Radio was formally inducted into the U.S. Citizen Corps of the Department of Homeland Security because of its value in disaster operations, and all municipal emergency management organizations are now mandated by the federal government to include amateur radio in their emergency communications planning; and

WHEREAS June 23rd and 24th mark the 75th annual Field Day, an event in which amateur radio operators around the world test their equipment simultaneously under simulated emergency conditions; and

WHEREAS all North Carolinians have benefited from this dedicated corps of volunteer communications professionals;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina do hereby proclaim June 17-24, 2007, as "**AMATEUR RADIO RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION WEEK**" in North Carolina, and I call upon all citizens to pay tribute to the Amateur Radio operators of our state.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-fourth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-first.